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Re: Jan Bastiaan BOUWSTRA et al.
New U.S. Patent Application Filed: Herewith
Claiming priority of European Patent Application No. 02078745.3
Filed: September 11, 2002 Attorney Docket No. BOUWSTRA-3
"USE OF RECOMBINANT GELATIN-LIKE PROTEINS AS PLASMA
EXPANDERS AND COMPOSITIONS SUITABLE FOR PLASMA
SUBSTITUTION"

SIR:

We enclose herewith:

- [X] New U.S. Patent Application including Specification (27 p), Claims (2 p) and Abstract (1 p);
- [X] Declaration (executed);
- [X] Two (2) Sheets of Drawings;
- [X] Sequence Listing (Paper Copy);
- [X] Sequence Listing (Computer Readable Format (Diskette));
- [X] Preliminary Amendment;
- [X] Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- [X] Assignment;
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement;
- [X] Copies of Four (4) References Cited;
- [X] Certified Copy of EPA 02078745.3 (Priority Document);
- [X] Check for \$790.00;
- [X] Acknowledgment Postcard

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Filed herewith is a computer readable form and paper copy of the sequence listings. The contents of the paper and computer readable copies are the same.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY: Applicant hereby claims the priority of European Patent Application No. 02078745.3, filed September 11, 2002.

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